

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Dick:

I am pleased to inform you that the SIG-I approved the draft of the President's report on 18 September. In so doing, the members, both at the meeting and in private, acknowledged the accomplishment of this difficult task by you and the task force under your most able direction. Dealing with the sometimes disparate entities of the Community and molding them into unified efforts can at times be a most trying experience, as I well know. It took a person of your stature, dedication, understanding, and knowledge of the government and task assigned to pull the essential elements together to achieve a document to which the President can affix his signature and which he can present to the Congress. This work represents a most thorough plumbing of all the pertinent agencies of the executive branch and delicate hand of an able negotiator in balancing off the prerogatives of these agencies while simultaneously satisfying the requirements of the Senate and House of Representatives committees.

The report that now awaits the President's signature is close to what you wrote except for some reorganization within the draft and the suggestion for creation of an additional SIG. While the end product did not represent all that you desired, I respect and salute your dogged determination in pushing for what you deemed the very best solution. Your mark is evident in the report.

I am sure that you will also be pleased to know that the baseline study which you prepared for the SIG-I has been sent by me to the Chairmen of the three IGs, calling to their attention that it should be studied closely for extraction of those elements pertinent to their activities. This report will serve the Community well as a benchmark for evolution of programs under the SIG concept.

The Community Counterintelligence and Security Countermeasures Staff, with whom you worked closely in this effort, is at this moment culling the SSCI report on Counterintelligence and Security Countermeasures (the one prominently mentioned in the press on 8 October) for tasking within the Community. You will be pleased to know that, based in part on your work, we were able to persuade the SSCI to delete large portions of what they had written, thereby alleviating a potential problem.



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In addition to the accolades from the SIG membership, I wish personally to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for accepting the task and delivering the goods.

*Rich - I owe you one
Bill*

Sincerely,

Bill
William J. Casey

General Richard G. Stilwell, USA (Ret.)



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